

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER
State Allocation Board Meeting, February 26, 1997

SCHOOL DISTRICT DATA

School District:.....	SHASTA UNION	County:.....	SHASTA
Application Number:.....	22/70128-00-02	School Name:	SHASTA ELEMENTARY
Project Sq. Ft.:.....	2720	Project Grade Level:.....	K-8
ADA Assigned to Project:.....	38	Total District ADA:	242
Application Filing Basis:			DISTRICTWIDE
Current Phase Approval Status:.....			NO PHASE APPROVAL
Percentage Of State Funding	100%	Funding Priority	2

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To present the District's request for:

1. Hardship status and Minimum Essential Facilities (Critical Noninstructional).
2. A Phase P and C approval.
3. An apportionment for Phase P and C in the amount of \$326,400.
4. An apportionment of \$69,480 for interim housing costs for the District's modernization project.

DESCRIPTION

The District currently has a multi-purpose room and an administrative area; however, the District believes this area is inadequate for the number of pupils assigned to this school. The District is requesting additional area of 2,804 square feet to increase the multi-purpose area, the administrative area and to build shower/locker and toilet facilities. Existing area for these spaces already exceed the criteria established for minimum essential facilities. In addition, the District has a modernization project already funded for construction at this site and proposes to accomplish the modernization and the new construction, all at one time, as the proposed new facilities will be attached to the buildings to be modernized. As part of the modernization project, the District is also requesting additional funds for interim housing that exceed the established State Allocation Board (SAB) allowances.

BOARD POLICY

Hardship Policy: Please refer to the "Policies" section.

Phase P and C Apportionment

The SAB is not apportioning Phase P and C new construction priority two projects at this time. Additionally, a Phase C apportionment is only recommended to the SAB, subject to the SAB's funding priorities, and only after the District has received a Phase P approval and has submitted the Division of State Architect approved plans and specifications for the project including a current cost estimate and continued eligibility of the project has been justified.

Interim Housing

The interim housing allowance provides a one time set up charge of up to \$500 per classroom and up to \$200 per classroom per month for the lease expenses for the life of the construction contract. The SAB has a proposed policy on this agenda to increase this allowance to \$3,840 for set up charges and \$235 for the lease of each eligible classroom. The District is currently eligible for approximately \$7,000. The new policy would provide approximately \$21,000.

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STAFF COMMENTS

Staff can only recommend approval for minimum essential facilities if the project qualifies for hardship status. In order to qualify for hardship status, the District must have lost facilities as a result of a natural disaster or the facilities on the site pose a life or safety hazard. In order for the OPSC to determine that the facilities pose a life or safety hazard, the facilities must be nonconforming and qualify for abandonment. None of these conditions exist. Even if the District qualified for hardship status, the existing facilities used for multi-purpose and administration exceed the minimum essential facilities allowed by the SAB.

A review of the District's current eligibility indicates it has entitlement for 2,720 square feet; however, as a prerequisite to construction of these facilities, the District would normally be required to build at least one classroom to house the pupils that generate this new area. The District is currently working with the California Department of Education (CDE) for teaching station equivalent (TSE) status in order to use the entire 2,720 square feet for the facilities requested.

The District currently qualifies for up to eight classrooms for the interim housing needs in their modernization project. Any increase in this District's interim housing allowance should only be made in accordance with the proposed new interim housing allowance, and only if approved by the SAB.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Deny the District's request for Hardship status and minimum essential facilities as they do not meet the requirements of the SAB policy.
2. Deny the District's request for a Phase P and C approval and apportionment.
3. Deny the District's request for \$69,480 for interim housing for the modernization project. Approval of any additional allowance for which the District would be eligible by the new allowances, if approved.
4. Direct staff to present this project for a Phase P "zero" approval for the facilities requested, but not to exceed 2,720 square feet and only after approval of TSE status from the CDE. Presentation of the Phase P "zero" will be made in accordance with established OPSC workload priorities.

BOARD ACTION

In considering this Item, the Board approved the District's request for 2,720 square feet and an apportionment in the amount of \$582,811.00 for Phase P and Phase C without setting precedent as the following elements existed, which created a precedence action for policy:

1. It is a "one-school" school district.
2. The District has entitlement for new construction.
3. The District has a fully funded modernization project that will be completed in concert with the new construction area; thus, a savings will be realized by the school district as well as the State.
4. Final plans for both the modernization and new construction have already been approved by the Division of State Architect.

The interim housing allowance was also approved for an apportionment in the amount of \$69,480.00. The apportionment is to be applied to the District's modernization project, Project No. 77/70128-00-01.

Funding Source: Credit \$69,480.00 from Bonds/1996-March; 657-998